



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 5/24/18  
Agenda Item #: R.8  
Est. Start Time: 10:45 a.m.  
Date Submitted: 4/30/18

**Agenda Title:** **Informational Briefing on the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Feasibility Study**

### Requested

Meeting Date: May 24th, 2018 Time Needed: 20 min

Department: Community Services Division: Transportation

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Presenters: Ian Cannon, Transportation Director/County Engineer, Megan Neill,

Engineering Services Manager 1, and Heather Catron, HDR Project Manager

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No action is required. The purpose is to provide an update on the Feasibility Study of the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The purpose of the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project is to establish a seismically resilient Burnside crossing over the Willamette River that will remain fully operational following a magnitude 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. This project was identified as a top priority in the recently published 2015 Willamette River Bridge Capital Improvement Plan, a document that outlines the mission and direction for the Multnomah County Bridge Section for the next 20 years.

Since kicking off the Feasibility Study in September of 2016 the County has:

- Developed a Project Problem Statement
- Developed over 100 options that fall into various groups such as do nothing, seismic retrofit, and full replacement
- Screened these over 100 options down to a list of 26 for further evaluation
- Completed preliminary evaluation and cost estimating for the 26 remaining options

This briefing will provide information about project activities and outreach to date, share preliminary trends from option evaluation, and outline future activities for the project. By fall of 2018, the project team intends to have a short list of feasible alternatives suitable for further development in an in-depth environmental study.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

None

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

None

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

The Feasibility Study includes a robust stakeholder outreach plan that provides the public, agency staff, and elected officials opportunities to give input on the development of the short list of alternatives. Outreach includes regular meetings of subcommittee groups, in person briefings, videos, online and in-person open houses, social media, a website, surveys, and a project fact sheet. The following jurisdictions and agencies are represented on the project's Policy Group Subcommittee:

- Multnomah County
- Metro
- TriMet
- Prosper Portland (formerly Portland Development Commission)
- Oregon Department of Transportation (Region 1)
- City of Portland
- City of Gresham
- City of Beaverton
- Clackamas County
- Washington County
- Federal Highway Administration (Oregon)
- U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley's office
- U.S. Senator Ron Wyden's office
- U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer's office
- U.S. Representative Suzanne Bonamici's office
- Oregon State Senator Kathleen Taylor (District 21)
- Oregon State Representative Barbara Smith Warner (District 45)

This summer, the project team will continue to engage stakeholders in order to finalize the shortlist of alternatives to advance into the next phase of the project.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Kim Peoples /s/

**Date:**

April 25, 2018